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RUSSIA FLATLY DENIES AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS

Will Not Hog Exclusive Privileges in Manchuria

[By Associated Press.]
Washington, D. C., April 29.—The Russian government has flatly denied the Pekin report of her intention to secure exclusive privileges in Manchuria.

St. Petersburg, April 29.—A semi-official note on the subject of Russian policy towards Manchuria, just issued, characterizes the demands ascribed to Russia in dispatches from Pekin as being simply inventions, as already cabled to the Associated Press on the authority of the Russian foreign office.

"No change has occurred," says the note, "in the intentions of Russia with reference to Manchuria. The exchange of views about to occur between the Russian minister and the Chinese government can relate only to the measures to be adopted for ensuring the preservation of order and tranquillity after Russia's troops have marched out of the province."

"Russia has absolutely no intention to place impediments in the way of foreign trade."

Confirmatory Advice.

Washington, D. C., April 29.—The state department has received a dispatch from Ambassador McCormick, at St. Petersburg, to the effect that the Russian minister for foreign affairs has assured him that the published reports of the proposed convention between Russia and China are absolutely incorrect and that there is no foundation for the report that Russia demands that China shall refuse the requests of other powers for treaty ports and consulates in Manchuria. He has been assured that the Russian government has no intention to exclude other countries from advantages now enjoyed in Manchuria, or to confer exclusive privileges upon Russians; that the United States may be sure that nothing will be done to close doors now open and that American commerce and American capital are those which Russia most desires to attract.

It is understood also that similar assurances were received by the secretary of state from his excellency, the Russian ambassador, yesterday afternoon.

Lincoln County Murderer Here for Safe Keeping

Oscar Thomas, who last fall shot and killed a brother railroad north of Chandler, and who last week was sentenced to the Lansing penitentiary for four years, was brought to the city last evening by Sheriff Wm. Tighman of Lincoln county and lodged in the federal jail. A report circulated upon the streets of Chandler Saturday evening that a mob was forming at Sapulpa to come to Chandler and lynch Thomas, resulted in the officer bringing the prisoner to this city. The prisoner has been confined in the Lincoln county jail since the murder and last week plead guilty to the charge and was sentenced by Judge Burford. As soon as the Sapulpa railroads heard of the sentence they became excited and it is said sent one of their number to Chandler to look over the ground. His purpose in the city soon became known and an order was issued bringing Thomas to this city for safe keeping.

CHARGED WITH TAP.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 29.—John Wallace, confidential man for R. C. Wilkinson & Co., wholesale produce merchants of Vicksburg, Miss., was arrested here on a charge of robbing the firm of \$145 in cash last Friday night. He is alleged to have tapped the till. His accounts are also said to be \$1,000 short.

PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press.)

Keokuk, Ia., April 29.—The president left Iowa at 10 o'clock this morning enroute to Quincy and St. Louis. At the station in this city Governor Cummins of Iowa, bid him good bye and Governor Dockery of Missouri, welcomed him to the state of Missouri. The party arrived at 8:30 from Ottumwa and was met by a reception committee, consisting of city officials and prominent citizens, and escorted to carriages. In the carriage with the president were Mayor Andrew J. Diamond and Hon. John N. Irwin, ex-governor of Arizona, and United States minister to Portugal under McKinley. Escorted by the old Fifth band and six companies of the Iowa National Guard, the procession moved along Main street, which was lavishly decorated with flags and banners and thronged with fully 30,000 people. At Rand park the president, standing in the pit of a natural amphitheatre, made a ten-minute speech which was heartily applauded. The party departed southward at 10 o'clock.

The president while here was given a miniature facsimile of the first American flag made by Betsy Ross. The banner was made by Mrs. Rachael Albright, of Fort Madison, Iowa, who is 91 years old and the great-granddaughter of Betsy Ross.

BLIZZARD

(By Associated Press.)

Ellis, Kas., April 29.—Last night rain was general throughout this part of the state, from one to two inches rainfall being reported. Flurries of snow fell from here west this morning.

Topeka, Kas., April 29.—Snow is falling at Dresden, Hays City and Dodge City early this forenoon with temperature below freezing point. At Baker, Concordia and Macksville, the temperature dropped 23 degrees in one hour. There is much danger of frost being killed.

Weather predictions for tonight are rain, snow and colder.

Phillipsburg, Kas., April 29.—Rain fell here yesterday afternoon and last night and this morning changed to sleet and snow in places. The ground is white.

Lincoln, Neb., April 29.—A blizzard, extending over the entire western part of the state, set in early today. Trains on the Burlington to the northwest are delayed. Snow near Broken Bow is two inches deep and still falling.

EXPLOSION

(By Associated Press.)

Vancouver, B. C., April 29.—A volcanic explosion near the town of Frank, N. W. T., on the line of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, occurred early today. Seventy-five persons are reported killed.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 29.—Frank is a new mining town in Alberta, near Lethbridge, and about on the boundary line between British Columbia and the United States.

ANOTHER CHICAGO STRIKE, Chicago, Ill., April 29.—More than 1,000 recruits, including 400 transients, joined the ranks of the strikers at the Deering works of the International Harvester company today.

MRS THAW'S STATEMENT

Newspaper Stories of Settlement ARE A "ROMANCE" SAYS THE MOTHER

(By Associated Press.)

Unsavoury Gossip Regarding the Latest International Marriage

(By Associated Press.)

Pittsburg, Pa., April 29.—In a communication made public today, Mrs. Wm. Thaw, mother of the Countess of Yarmouth, refers to the newspaper stories to the effect that "settlement" had been made upon the earl of Yarmouth by the Thaw family as a "romance." After speaking of the three trust funds to which the countess will have access, Mrs. Thaw said:

"The income from all three trusts will be paid to the countess, except a small complimentary fractional income (nothing like what at various times has been stated) which she, without suggestion from the other side, allotted to the earl himself."

In case of the countess' death, one-fifth of the entire estate is turned over to the estate of Hertford, to which the earl will succeed if he outlives his father. The statement continues:

"At no time has there been any hitch whatever because of financial questions, neither has there been any demand by the earl or his family."

PLUNGED SIXTY FEET INTO UNCOVERED WELL

Frightful Accident Which Befel Two Kansans in The Darkness

(By Associated Press.)

Minneapolis, Kas., April 29.—Dr. E. S. Strickland of Clever, and George Johndrow of Vine Creek, were both seriously, if not fatally, injured at about two o'clock this morning as they returned to their hotel. There were three men in the crowd. In going to a hotel they had to pass through an open lot on which there is a sixty foot uncovered well. Two of the men plunged to the bottom of the well. The third man escaped. It took almost an hour to rescue the men. Dr. Strickland was unconscious for six hours. He is badly cut about the head, sustained internal injuries and had a leg broken. Johndrow is not so seriously hurt. It is thought.

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ST LOUIS INVASION

Big Crowds Visit Historic Town

(By Associated Press.)

Attracted by Dedication Ceremonies of the World's Exposition

(By Associated Press.)

St. Louis, Mo., April 29.—This morning residents of St. Louis in general, and the managers of the World's Fair in particular, were given their first experience of conditions that will confront them during the remainder of the week. Passenger trains by the score rolled into the Union passenger station all morning, and militiamen and regular governors and governor's staffs, poured through the gates in what seemed an unending stream. Visitors who wore no gold lace and came merely to see arrived by tens of thousands. Distinguished guests were met by escorts and conducted to quarters previously set apart for their comfort and entertainment. Those of the multitude who had made no previous arrangement for rooms were picked out by bureaus of information.

President Roosevelt's train is due at 4:10 this afternoon and between that hour and 9 o'clock at night he is scheduled to eat dinner and deliver three addresses. He is on the programme to speak first at the Good Roads convention within twenty minutes after his arrival. At 5 o'clock he will be at St. Louis university for his second speech, and at 6 o'clock he will be driven to the home of President David R. Francis for dinner. At 9 o'clock he will address the Franz Sigel Monument association at Music hall.

Among the distinguished guests General Gomez of Cuba, arrived at 8 o'clock and was given a hearty welcome by the reception committee. Ex-President Cleveland is expected at 5:25 this afternoon. State troops are here from New York, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Forest Fires Threaten Destruction of Town

Onaway, Mich., April 29.—Forest fires threaten the destruction of this city. In every direction the woods are ablaze. Hundreds of citizens fought the flames last night to keep them from the lumber yards. The lumber camps are surrounded by fire and it is feared lives will be lost. There is a strong south wind.

Good Roads Convention Favors Organization

St. Louis, Mo., April 29.—At the last days session of the National and International Good Roads convention Hon. T. G. Harper of Burlington, Ia., chairman of the committee on resolutions, presented the report of that committee which was adopted. The resolutions declare: The building of good roads in the United States is now of paramount importance to national prosperity and commercial supremacy; that we recommend the establishment throughout the United States of complete and perfect organization from the nation down to the township.

Ocala, Ia., April 29.—Matt Hunter, who a year ago at Mount Airy shot and killed Homer Holland, a college athlete of national reputation, as the result of a dispute over cards, today was sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary.

BOODLE PROSECUTION RECEIVES SEVERE SETBACK

Witnesses in Contempt Discharged by Missouri Supreme Court

(By Associated Press.)

PETER SELLS DISCOURSES ON TRAINED ELEPHANTS

(By Associated Press.)

Jefferson City, Mo., April 29.—The supreme court today decided that L. L. Page and Cole Hickox can not be made to tell from whom they received the \$1,000 and \$500 bills, had in their possession in February last, about the time the greater part of alim boodle money was distributed. The decision was rendered by Judges Robinson, Fox and Burgess, and it will, it is believed, prove the most severe setback the prosecution in the boodle cases has yet received. The judges held that Page and Hickox were within their constitutional rights and ordered Sheriff Smith to discharge them from custody. Smith had the prisoners under a commitment for contempt issued by Judge Hazell, of the circuit court, on Monday. Judge Hazell held that they could tell from whom they received money without in any way placing themselves in danger of prosecution. The supreme court holds that the names of the men who gave them the money might be the necessary link in the chain to secure their own conviction. Yesterday Judge Robinson granted a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Page and Hickox and set the hearing for today. Attorney General Crow appeared for the state and there was considerable argument in the case.

for he would not stay away from the elephant stable and it would not be safe for him to go near the elephants during Craven's absence.

"One morning when Addie was called for breakfast he did not respond. It was supposed that he might have slipped out of the house and was playing with some of the neighbors' children, and his father ate his breakfast without him and then proceeded to the winter quarters. Going first to the office he looked over his mail and answered it and then started on an inspection of the quarters. Judge of his astonishment when he heard a childish voice he knew full well in the elephant stable shouting Craven's orders to the elephants. The old gentleman smiled and stood outside the door listening to young Addie and wondering how in the world he had ever reached the quarters from home that early in the morning. As he stood, he said afterwards, he wondered if Addie when he grew up would be so fond of the elephants and handle them. The showman was already a rich man and he had different ambitions for his only son.

"Suddenly he was startled by a shriek. It was unmistakably that of an elephant being punished. Knowing Craven was still confined to his bed he hurriedly opened the door, and, strong man that he was, he nearly fainted at what he saw. There in the training ring he saw the elephants going through their several stunts, and flying around among them with his prod in hand and using it as occasion demanded was his little boy. Stunned by surprise and fear he could not speak for several minutes. Meanwhile he saw the mighty mass of moving monsters obeying with alacrity the every order of the tiny boy. At first he could scarcely believe it, but when he saw how thoroughly the boy was their master and how obedient they were, he recognized, with his knowledge of the elephant's nature, that little huge beast acknowledged the boy's authority, and he regained his speech.

"Here, you little rascal, come out of there! Do you want to be killed? For God's sake, come away!" shouted the still frightened father. "Get out of here! We don't allow anybody in here when these 'bills' are being worked. Get out!" was the reply of his young hopeful. I will not take the time to tell you how they finally compromised, but that was young Forepaugh's start and he became the greatest trainer of elephants the world ever knew."